

106TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 1877

To amend the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States to provide for duty-free treatment of personal effects of participants in certain world athletic events.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MAY 19, 1999

Mrs. THURMAN (for herself, Mr. CRANE, Ms. PELOSI, and Mr. LEVIN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. TREATMENT OF PERSONAL EFFECTS OF PAR-**  
4                               **TICIPANTS IN CERTAIN WORLD ATHLETIC**  
5                               **EVENTS.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of  
7 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is  
8 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following  
9 new heading:

“	9902.98.08	Any of the following articles not intended for sale or distribution to the public: personal effects of aliens who are participants in, officials of, or accredited members of delegations to, the 1999 International Special Olympics and the 1999 Women's World Cup Soccer, and of persons who are immediate family members of or servants to any of the foregoing persons; equipment and materials imported in connection with the foregoing events by or on behalf of the foregoing persons or the organizing committees of such events; articles to be used in exhibitions depicting the culture of a country participating in any such event; and, if consistent with the foregoing, such other articles as the Secretary of Treasury may allow .....	Free	No change	Free	On or before 12/31/2002	”.
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1 (b) TAXES AND FEES NOT TO APPLY.—The articles  
2 described in heading 9902.98.08 of the Harmonized Tariff  
3 Schedule of the United States (as added by subsection (a))  
4 shall be free of taxes and fees which may be otherwise  
5 applicable.

6 (c) NO EXEMPTION FROM CUSTOMS INSPECTIONS.—  
7 The articles described in heading 9902.98.08 of the Har-  
8 monized Tariff Schedule of the United States (as added  
9 by subsection (a)) shall not be free or otherwise exempt  
10 or excluded from routine or other inspections as may be  
11 required by the Customs Service.

12 (d) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by  
13 this section applies to articles entered, or withdrawn from  
14 warehouse for consumption, on or after the date of enact-  
15 ment of this Act.

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